

## **Remarks**

Claims 1 and 2 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to clarify that which Applicant regards as the invention; no claims are canceled or added. Applicants request allowance of these claims in view of the following remarks.

### ***Examiner Interview***

Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting Applicant's representative the courtesy of a telephonic Examiner Interview on March 8, 2004. The substance of this Interview is set forth below.

### ***Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph***

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. As set forth in the Reply filed on October 14, 2003, Applicant traverses this rejection. However, solely in an effort to expedite prosecution of this matter, claims 1 and 2 have been amended thereby rendering these rejections moot.

### ***Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102***

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,229,884 to Toyoda *et al.* ("Toyoda"). Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,104,500 to Alam ("Alam"). As set forth in the Reply filed on October 14, 2003, Applicant traverses these rejections.

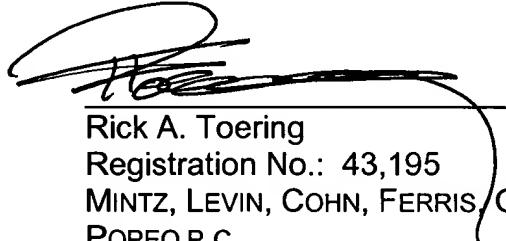
However, as discussed during the Examiner Interview, and solely for purposes of expediting prosecution of this matter, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 2. The Examiner acknowledged that these amendments, if filed, would overcome Toyoda. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

### ***Conclusion***

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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